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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1892.

### SERMONS.

Every now and then a great ado is made in the newspapers over the offering for sale of sermons in England and in this country. We never have seen, however, any exposition of reasons why it is deemed a crime of such enormity to preach a sermon written by another. Of course if a minister attempts to palm off the sermon of another as his own, that would be a beinous offence against the moral code; and if the denunclations of the press were addressed against this, all would applaud.

But there seems to be an idea almost universal that upon no account would it do for a minister to use a sermon not of his own writing. More's the pity. How much weariness, both on the part of pastor and people, could be saved were it allowable for the preacher to announce from the pulpit that he would deliver a sermon written by Spurgeon, Alexander or other justly distinguished pulpit orator; and then give his congregation the benefit of some of the best thinking and writing of the century or indeed of the past centuries.

Many a most excellent pastor, more useful in his congregation than any mere orator could be, has only tenth rat literary ability perhaps, so that his sermons are simply endured the one thorn upon the highly prized rose. Nov did but custom allow it this good, use ful and well beloved pastor could de liver to his congregation as fine sermons as are enjoyed by the best provided cherches in the land. would not be obliged to follow the sermon in all its details nor refrain from making alterations and specia applications. To satisfy the hypercritical he might announce before beginning that the sermon was in the main that of Dr. Alexander but edited by himself more perfectly fit the occasion.

But even pastors of great literary ability have seasons of distraction and weariness when it seems impossible to compose satisfactorily. What a relief it would be if a volume could be taken down from the shelves to furnish that which the unwilling brain cannot be goaded into producing. But custom does not allow it and pastor and congregation both suffer in consequence thereof.

It cannot be said that the thoughts o one man delivered by another will no produce effects, because large audience are alternately moved to tears and laughter and have both mind and heart powerfully wrought upon by the writings of one person delivered by others. The stage, of course, is a well known ex ample of this, and there are many others that will readily suggest themselves. If reading of hymns and passages of Scripture, creeds and the like are not only permissible but effective, why should not a good sermon be so likewise?

We are confident that should the ex periment be tried the division of labor between writer and speaker would soor gain universal approval.

## Arcanum Officers.

Officers of Bloomfield Council, Royal Arcanum, were elected last night as follows: Regent, J. H. Hardcastle; Vice-Regent, John A. Oakes; Orator, Joseph P. Hague; Past Regent, E. E. Baldwin; Secretary, George S. Reford; Collector, George M. Wood; Treasurer, Dr. S. C Hamilton; Chaplain, Alex. Steel: Guide. W. L. Johnson; Warden, Edward P. Johnson; Sentry, William R. Moir Trustee, H. L. Osborne; Grand Representative, J. H. Hardcastle; Alternate, J. Banks Reford.

Lauter's Journal of Music The Christmas number of this publication is one of the choicest, and is in fact the best Journal of the entire year. Besides the mass of reading matter it contains a number of the very best and most desirable pieces published. The minuet by Paderewski, one of his most admired compositions, together with a gavotte by Bohm, called "Little Dearest," and a scherzo by Broustet, entitled "Dream After the Ball," are contained in the instrumental department. "They All Love Jack,"by Stephen Adams, and "The Raft," by Pinsuti, a descriptive song for soprano, fill the vocal parts of the book. The Journal may be obtained free upon application at the piano and organ ware-

659 Broad Street, Newark. Rev. Amos Gather of Montclair will preach at the A M. E. Church on Sun-

rooms of S. D. Lauter Company, 657 and

The Newark Bee Hive will remain open evenings until New Year.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

A Letter to the Public. TO THE EDITOR OF THE CITIZEN:

SIR: Essex H. & L. Co. No. 1 has always had the esteem of the citizens, and I wish to present the proper facts in the controversy with the Township Committee in regard to the bell tower. Shortly after its organization the company built the tower, under an architect's specifications, to hold the bell, weighing 2,068 lbs. It paid for the tower, and bought, paid for, and owns the bell. The natural life of the structure, without the electric alarm, might be from ten to fifteen years, exposed as it is to the weather. About two years ago the Township Committee put the battery room, striking apparatus, etc., up in the tower, at least doubling the weight the structure was intended to carry. It was formerly struck by hand, without jarring, and now is struck by the falling of nearly three-fourths of a ton of iron, causing the tower to sway with every blow. This has caused the roof to leak and has ruined the handsome ceiling in the reading-room. It is the opinion of the members of the company that the tower is not very strong, and, unless strengthened, may be overthrown by the high winds, or striking of the bell, or both combined. Now what does the company wish is

this matter? I will first answer by telling what they do not wish. They do not wish money, though they have giv en much. The town has had the use without expense, of the bell and tower which cost us \$1,500) for years, is welcome to the past, and can have the future use on certain conditions. The question is, shall we continue to maintain a structure and apparatus, getting nothing for it, and run the risk of having to pay for any damage that may occur, if the thing falls down owing to the fact that the town has overloaded it? The answer seems easy, and is easy. It is "No." Ordinary business precaution for members of a corporation (who are individually as well as collectively liable) says, "Protect yourselves against such a contingency or remove part or all the weight from the tower, and if necessary take it down." It may stand some years as it is, and the writer thinks that with proper bracing it will. A lease drawn by the Fire Committee, by direction of the Township Committee, has been presented to that body, giving the town the use of the bell and tower for \$1 per year, provided that the township will assume any damage that may be caused by its falling, and has been laid over to next Monday. Its execution by the Township Committee is all the 'company asks. The Township Committee should then have the tower examined by an expert, and make such repairs as are needed to make it safe.

These, fellow citizens, are our requirements in this matter, and are they not such as each one of you would make if you were in our place?

ONE OF THE OWNERS.

Hallen and Hart Coming to Miner's.

The popular farce comedians, Hallen and Hart, will begin an engagement at Miner's Newark Theatre on Monday evening, December 12. They are to bring forward for the first time here an entirely new play. It is said to be of a finer grain and purpose than their familiar skit, "Later On." There is promised the same attractive songs and music, with more abundant and natural humor and a consistent though airy story upon which to hang it all. The story of the piece pivots on the helpless managuvrings of well-intentioned old fellow, who is bursting with reform notions. The immoral drift of the world at large and his own little world in particular keeps him in a ferment of unrest which leads to a great many humorous complications He is the aggressive head of several law and order leagues and reform socleties, and is humorously bustling most of the time to elevate and purify the local current of social affairs. Mr. Hart interprets the role of an eccentric Pennsylvanian with more wit than wisdom, and a fondness for the other sex out of which arises most of the fun. Mr. Hallen's part is that of an ultra-fashionable sprig, whose years of discretion would not make much of a sum in arithmetic and whose most serious thoughts are upon clothes and the gentler sex. In the company are, besides the principals, John McWade, Molly Fuller, Fannie Bloodgood, Al Wilson, Donald Harold, Emma Seymour, Alice Carle, Adelaide Crawford, Mabel Nichols, Lulu Nichols, Harry Hilton, and several others of individual value.

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### AT THE CHURCHES.

First Presbyterian. The Rev. H. W. Ballantine, D. D., pastor. Services at 10.30 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Sunday-school at 12 M. Strangers cordially welcomed.

Westminster Presbyterian. The Rev. Geo. A. Paull, pastor. Sunday services at 10.30 A. M. and 7.45 P. M. Sunday-school at 12 M. Young People's prayer meeting at 6.45 P. M. Strangers always welcome. Ushers will show

German Presbyterian. Sunday services: Preaching by the pastor, the Rev. H. W. Seibert, D.D., at 10.30 M. and 7.30 P. M. Sunday-school at 2.15 P. M. Prayer meeting, Tuesday at 8 P. M. Young People's Society, Friday, at 8 P. M.

Park Methodist Episcopal. Rev. R. B. Collins, pastor. Preaching at 10.30 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Sundayschool at noon, Epworth League Prayer Meeting at 6.45 P. M. Leader, Miss Lilla Cadmus. Strangers always wel-

Watsessing Methodist Episcopal. pastor, the Rev. Elbert Clement, subjects, A. M., "Seeking the Church:" An Ancient example. P. M., "Condemnation Removed." Sunday-school at 2.30. Epworth League Vesper services at 6.45. All welcome to all services.

First Baptist Church Rev. Charles A. Cook, pastor. Services at 10.30 A. M., 7.30 P. M. Sunday school and Bible classes at 12 o'clock. Subject next Sunday morning, "The Cry of a Neglected Soul." Evangelistic service in the evening preceded by a service of song. All are welcome.

Glen Ridge Congregational. The Rev. F. J. Goodwin, pastor. Services at 10.30 A. M., and 7.45 P. M. Sunday-school at 3 o'clock. Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor at 7.15 P.

Christ Episcopal.

The Rev. Edwin A. White, rector. Celebration of the Holy Communion 8 M. Morning Prayer, Litany, and Sermon 10,30 A. M. Sunday-school 3 P. M. Evening prayer with sermon 7.30 P. M. Friday, Evening Prayer, 4 P. M.

Church of the Sacred Heart. The Rev. J. M. Nardiello, pastor. First Mass and sermon, 7.30 A. M. High Mass and sermon, 10.30 A. M. Sundayschool 3 P. M. Vesper service, 7.30 P. M.

# CHRISTMAS TALK.

Last week you read about what we have for Ornamental Gifts. This week we devote our space to a list of Useful Christmas Presents, which can be found by thousands in our New,

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Christmas Men's Furnishings. Handkerchiefs in plain, hemstitched and initial, Linen Collars and Cuffs, Nockwear in all styles, Underwear, Socks, Gloves, Wristlets, Ear Muffs, Skating Caps, Dress Shirts, Cardigan Jackets, Jersey Jackets, Suspenders.

Christmas Fancy Goods. Handkerchiefs, Lace Fichus and Scarfs, Jabots, Windsor Ties, Reefer Scarfs, Silk Mufflers, Shell Hairpins, Children's Caps, Collars and Cuffs, Ruchings, Worsted Jackets, Capes and Hoods, Facinators, Leggins, Infants' Sacques, Bootees, Bibs, Vells, Needlebooks, Kid Gloves,

Christmas Cloak Dep't Goods, Cloaks for Ladies, Misses and Children, Wool Waists, Silk Waists, Fur Capes, Fur Boas, Muffs, Fur Sets, Gossamer Waterproofs, Mackintoshes, Wrappers and Tea Gowns.

Christmas Shoe Dep't Usefuls. Men's Slippers, Ladies' Slippers, Children's Slippers, Rubber Boots for all, Ladies' Fine Shoes, Boys' Shoes, Rubbers and Sandals, Alaska Overshoes, warm lined, lamb's wool soles, Dancing Pumps, Worsted Slippers, Cork Sole

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